

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 13 - 31 remain pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. §103

It is submitted that the rejection under this section has been overcome by the present amendment to the claims. This amendment clarifies that, based upon certain status information, a host computer determines which routes upon which a command is relayed via one or more storage devices should be displayed. This feature is neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art.

In addition, this present invention realizes advantages over the prior art, by making it easier for an administrator to manage the storage systems by providing relevant information in the manner claimed. As such, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

Request for Interview

In order to further explain Applicant's intention, Applicants request that the Examiner conduct an interview with the undersigned at a time convenient for the Examiner. In this regard, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to arrange the interview.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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